

Amendments to Claims

1 1. (Currently Amended). A device for deterring pets from scratching fabric of home
2 furnishings comprising:

3 a continuous, unperforated and generally planar transfer sheet;

4 a plurality of continuous unperforated rectangular strips, each of the strips having a
5 length substantially greater than its width, the strips being arranged side-by-side on the transfer
6 sheet, each of the strips having first and second adhesive surfaces on opposite sides, each of the
7 strips being releasably adhered to the transfer sheet on the first adhesive surface;

8 a plurality of continuous unperforated release layers, each of the release layers being
9 completely bisected along an axis parallel to the length of the strip and each of the release layers
10 having a length substantially the same as the length of each of the strips, each of the release
11 layers releasably adhered on the second adhesive surface of the strips;

12 wherein the strips are adapted to be removed from the transfer sheet and releasably
13 adhered to the home furnishing on the first adhesive surface, and the release layers are adapted to
14 be removed from the second adhesive surface revealing the second adhesive surface; and

15 wherein the first and second adhesive surfaces are formulated from an ~~invisible~~ adhesive
16 of sufficient tack strength to cause ~~an unpleasant~~ a releasable sticking sensation ~~to pets~~.

1 2. (Currently Amended). The device of claim 1 wherein said strips are uniformly
2 spaced apart from one another by gaps on the transfer sheet that are parallel to the length of the
3 strips and are of ~~sufficient~~ [a] width that is equal to a substantial fraction of the width of the
4 strips to provide an indication of an edge of the plurality of strips and the bisection of the
5 plurality of strips to facilitate manual removal of the strips from the transfer sheet.

1 3. (Currently Amended). The device of claim 1 wherein the strips are separated by a
2 side margin indicator means for preventing confusion between a bisection cut in each release
3 layer and a side margin of the strips that has a width that is a significant fraction of the width of
4 the strips.

1 4. (Canceled).

1 5. (Canceled).

1 6. (Canceled).

1 7. (Withdrawn). A device for deterring pets from clawing an object comprising:
2 a strip having a first adhesive surface, the strip being fairly rigid, rectangular and
3 corrugated plastic, the strip releasably adhered to a release layer on the first adhesive surface;
4 and,
5 wherein the release layer includes a cut which divides the release layer into at least two
6 equal portions, allowing removal of the portions without substantial bending of the strip.

1 8. (Withdrawn). The device of claim 7 further comprising a base sheet and a side
2 margin indicator means, directly adjacent the base sheet, for preventing confusion between the
3 cut and a side margin of the strip.

1 9. (Withdrawn). The device of claim 7 comprising a plurality of strips arranged side
2 by side.

1 10. (Withdrawn). The device of claim 7 wherein the first adhesive surface is
2 formulated from a water soluble and transparent adhesive.

1 11. (Withdrawn). The device of claim 7 wherein the cut splits the release layer
2 lengthwise.

1 12. (Withdrawn). The device of claim 7 further comprising a base sheet affixed to the
2 strip and an indicator means adjacent the base sheet for indicating the difference between the cut
3 and a margin of the strip.

1 13. (Withdrawn). The device of claim 7 wherein the strip is transparent.

1 14. (Withdrawn). The device of claim 13 wherein the strip is substantially the same
2 length as the release layer.

1 15. (Withdrawn). The device of claim 7 wherein the strip is adhered to a base sheet
2 surrounded by indicator gaps which reveal the base sheet.

1 16. (Canceled).

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1 40. (Canceled).

1 41. (Canceled).

1 42. (Currently Amended). A device for deterring pets from contacting soil
2 comprising:
3 a substantially ~~flat~~ rigid corrugated substrate;
4 a strip having a first adhesive surface and a second adhesive surface, the strip releasably
5 adhered to the corrugated substrate on the first adhesive surface; and,
6 a release layer adhered on the second adhesive surface.

1 43. (Original). The device of claim 42 wherein the substrate is plastic.

1 44. (Currently Amended). The device of claim 42 wherein the substrate is colored to
2 match soil.

1 45. (Currently Amended). The device of claim 42 wherein the release layer further
2 comprises two separately removable portions wherein a first removable portion and a second
3 removable portion abut but do not overlap a central longitudinal axis of the strip.

1 46. (Canceled).

1 47. (Currently Amended). The device of claim 45 wherein a plurality of strips are
2 placed side by side on the corrugated substrate separated by ~~an indicator means for~~
3 ~~distinguishing between a cut between the two separately removable portions and a margin of the~~
4 ~~plurality of strips~~ a gap having a width which is a substantial fraction of the width of the strips.

1 48. (Canceled).